

NURSING ADMINISTRATION

The University of Rhode Island College of Nursing offers a Master of Science degree with a specialization in nursing administration. Its purpose is to educate nurse administrators who can manage the effective and efficient delivery of nursing care to a broad spectrum of people within health care organizations or in the community. A variety of positions are available to graduates in roles that meet the student's career goals.

CURRICULUM

The Nursing Administration curriculum consists of 41 credits: 14 credits of core courses in concepts and theories in nursing practice, research, nursing leadership in health policy and a graduate seminar; 9 credits in nursing administration theory and practicum; and 18 credits of electives to broaden the knowledge base for nursing administration. These include courses in the College of Nursing and in other colleges of the University, including the College of Business Administration. The program culminates with a written comprehensive examination and the submission of a substantial scholarly work involving significant independent study which is referred to as the major paper. This requirement is an extension of work completed from prior coursework in the master's program.

REQUIRED NURSING CORE COURSES (14 credits)

NUR 500 Theoretical Study of the Phenomena in Nursing (4 credits)

NUR 505 Nursing Research (3 credits)

NUR 507 Theories of Practice for Nursing (3 credits)

NUR 510 Advanced Leadership in the Health Policy Process (3 credits)

NUR 520 Graduate Study Seminar (1 credit)

REQUIRED COURSES FOR NURSING ADMINISTRATION (9 credits)

NUR 551 Theoretical Study of Nursing Administration (3 credits) Study of relation of nursing, philosophy, organizational theories, and practice environment. Emphasis on theories, concepts and issues that explain and advance strategies in nursing administration.

NUR 552 Practicum in Nursing Administration (6 credits) Field experience. Emphasis on the examination and implementation of strategies in nursing administration.

ELECTIVES (18 credits)

Electives provide foundational courses and those that support the student's career goals.

SUGGESTED ELECTIVES

MBA 502 Organizational Behavior

MBA 540 Organizational Decision Making and Design

MBA 550 Managing the Information Resources

LRS 500 Labor Relations and Human Resources

LRS 546 Negotiations and Alternative Dispute Resolution

LRS 551 Human Resource Strategy

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Practicum placement is dependent upon student career goals, learning needs and level of prior experience. Sites include nonprofit, for profit, and governmental acute care organizations; community nursing agencies; long-term care facilities; the state health department; and ambulatory settings in the state of Rhode Island and surrounding states. A qualified preceptor in the agency provides directed learning experiences based on student objectives. Students complete a major project relevant to their goals and the organization's needs.

TRANSPORTATION

A car is necessary to reach the various clinical practice locations. A local bus service connects the University to most major health service facilities, shopping, and service centers, but the bus routes and schedules may not always be convenient for the graduate student.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Admission to the Graduate School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Two letters of recommendation (academic and professional).
- Curriculum vita.
- Completion of MAT or GRE with a satisfactory score.
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing or the National League for Nursing with an upper-division major in nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- Eligibility for R.N. licensure in Rhode Island.
- Undergraduate statistics course prior to NUR 505.
- Candidates with non-nursing degrees will be evaluated on an individual basis. Completion or challenge of upper-division nursing courses is required prior to acceptance into the master's program.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the College of Nursing is to educate nursing students at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels; conduct, disseminate, and apply nursing research and scholarship; and contribute to the profession of nursing and to society through political, legal and professional activities that are aimed at improving health and health care of the people of Rhode Island and beyond.

Faculty are committed to prompting students' ethical development, critical thinking and motivation for life-long learning and responsible practice. The baccalaureate program prepares professional nurses to practice in multiple types of health care settings. The master's program prepares leaders who use advanced knowledge from nursing theory, research, practice, and leadership as advanced practice nurses, educators, or administrators. The doctoral program prepares nursing scholars and researchers who can contribute to the development of nursing knowledge. Students are sought from a wide range of cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. The College encourages close student-faculty interaction and interdisciplinary research partnerships involving faculty, students, and practitioners from within and outside the University.

Faculty are responsive to changing health care needs and changing roles of nurses within society. Faculty respond through collaboration with professional organizations, governmental and other agencies, and other educational institutions, and with health care agencies. The College strives for excellence in teaching, research/scholarship in diverse scholarly activities, practice, and service through cooperative governance and ongoing evaluation.

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